







"The new Seattle is...a city of swank new stadiums and concert halls, of coffee shops and cafes, of bike paths and street trees – 30,000 planted since 1990 – and of new, walkable neighborhood 'villages' burgeoning with small businesses and establishing identities as distinct as those of Manhattan or Paris. Seattle's strong neighborhoods are the envy of the nation, and the central core of Pioneer Square, downtown, Belltown and Pike-Pine has reached the critical mass of homeowners to become a true community."

– Bill Dietrich (The Congestion Question, Seattle Times, December 8, 2002)

































eighborhoods like Ballard, Fremont, 12th Avenue, Madison and Pike/Pine Corridors, Rainier Valley, Columbia City and the West Seattle Junction have experienced rapid transformation in recent years – protecting the residential character while revitalizing the business districts. In other neighborhoods, such as South Lake Union, Northgate and the University District, new higher density communities offering a mix of residential and commercial uses, transit-oriented development and safe pedestrian access are emerging.